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**Commissioner for Patents**

The reply filed on 7/20/10 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following matter(s):

Newly submitted claims 57-112 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Where a group of inventions is claimed in a national stage application, the requirement of unity of invention shall be fulfilled only when there is a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. The expression "special technical features" shall mean those technical features that define a contribution which each of the claimed inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. In this case, the new claims express an entirely different special technical feature, that of a recirculation unit, not present in the originally presented claims. Therefore, the new claims do not have a corresponding special technical feature with the originally presented claims and unity does not exist. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 57-112 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply a correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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